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Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing a Review of Clean-up
and Minimization Standards for Mold'**

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1 Review by Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, jointly referred to in this resolve as "the departments," shall convene a working group to review issues regarding mold in buildings in the State. Membership in the working group must include representatives of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, the Department of Education and the Department of Labor as well as the departments. The departments shall invite representatives of the following interested parties to participate as members of the working group: the Maine Indoor Air Quality Council, an environmental laboratory, the building and construction industry and other interested parties as determined by the departments; and be it further

Sec. 2 Issues to be reviewed. Resolved: That the departments shall include in the review under section 1 the following:

1. A review of the current science of mold testing and removal;
2. Consideration of developing clean-up standards for mold; and
3. Consideration of developing building standards to minimize the risk of moisture problems in newly constructed buildings; and be it further

Sec. 3 Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2007, the departments shall report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters and health matters on the review under section 1. In the report, the departments shall summarize the discussions of the working group and present any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to address the issue of mold; and be it further

Sec. 4 Authority to report out legislation. Resolved: That the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature pertaining to the cleanup and minimization of mold.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment directs the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to convene a working group to review issues regarding mold in buildings in the State and, by January 1, 2007, to make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters and

health matters. It also authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters to report out legislation.